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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S EGYPTIAN VISIT

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1. WE NOTE THAT RISING NEPAL HAS CARRIED STORY DATED FEBRUARY 15 FROM CAIRO IN WHICH IT QUOTES "INFORMED SOURCES": AS SAYING THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ARYAL EXPRESSED NEPAL'S SUPPORT FOR "THE ARAB CAUSE" DURING HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF ARAB LEAGUE MAHMOUD RIAD.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS CLAIMED IGNORANCE OF ANY SUCH STATEMENT, ALTHOUGH THEY ADMIT THAT THEY ARE NOT PRIVY TO SUBSTANCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S CAIRO CONVERSATIONS. WE NOTE THAT ARYAL STOPPED FAR SHORT OF "SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSE" IN HIS FEBRUARY 16 DINNER FOR FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY AND LIMITED HIS COMMENTS TO THE STATEMENT THAT NEPAL "CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS INCLUDING 242 AND 338 CONSTITUTE A VIABLE FRAME WORK FOR ESTABLISHING A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST". OTHER PRESS REPORTS ALSO INDICATE THAT ARYAL WAS CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN NEPAL'S POSITION OF NEUTRALITY IN ARAB-

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3. FOR CAIRO: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON ARYAL'S VISIT, ESPECIALLY ANY ASPECT WHICH
WOULD INDICATE A SHIFT AWAY FROM NEPAL'S NEUTRAL
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